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In re Application of
Bullock et al.
Application No. 10/072,516
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Attorney Docket No. 4-30755B

DECISION
ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 17, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the final Office action (Paper No. 15) mailed July 11, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. An Amendment After Final Rejection was filed on January 12, 2004, and a three-month extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. The Examiner has considered the Amendment After Final Rejection and has determined that the amendment does not place the application in condition for allowance. See the attached Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief (PTOL-303). Accordingly, the application became abandoned on January 12, 2004.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137 (b) in that (1) the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), an Amendment, and the requisite fee of \$790; (2) the petition fee of \$1500; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay. Accordingly, the RCE, the Amendment and the filing fee are accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Denise Pothier at (571) 272-4787.

The application matter is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1617 for further processing.


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Enc: PTOL-303